

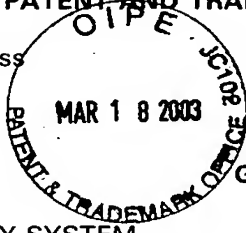
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Inventor(s): John McEntee and Jay Bass

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Examiner: Nghiem, Michael P.

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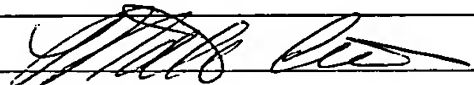
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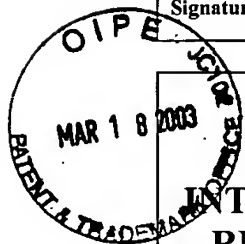
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A telephonic interview was conducted with Examiner Nghiem on February 25, 2003. In that interview, the possibility of an Examiner Amendment to claim 14 in which the claim would describe . . . "a reservoir containing biopolymeric print medium and having an inlet . . ." as supported by ¶33 of Applicants' Specification was discussed.

Regarding this proposed amendment, agreement was reached that it patentably defined over the art of record – particularly, Hoen, *et al.* However, the Examiner refused to enter the amendment on the grounds it would raise new issues requiring an additional search.

The undersigned respectfully disagreed. In this regard, it is further noted that claims 9 and 23-26 which were searched (and found to represent allowable subject matter) involve biopolymeric printing medium for producing biopolymer arrays. Accordingly, the issue of the proposed amendment summarized above is believed to have already been considered the Examiner and properly the subject of any search previously made.

Therefore, it is again requested that the proposed amendment be entered and a Notice of Allowance issued. Regarding this request, the undersigned will follow-up with the Examiner before the 4-month response deadline to the Final Office Action dated November 21, 2002.

Furthermore, in the interview the Examiner confirmed that claims 1-13 were allowable and that claims 22-29 would likewise be allowed upon submission of an amendment to include any intervening claim limitations. The later action is to be delayed pending a decision by the Examiner regarding the above request.

Though no fees or extensions are believed to be required for this submission, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of fees associated with this communication, including any necessary fees for extensions of time, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1078.

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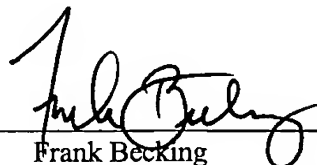
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